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A PERSONAL NOTE: As usual this issue of HA is smaller than usual because it is printed sooner in order to give you the latest details about the convention...**Rosa Rio** is as busy as ever in Florida. She recently gave a concert on a restored Aeolian Pipe Organ at College Hall at the USF-Sarasota Campus.

ULTIMATE HISTORY: In order for me to have all the material possible for my third supplement, **PLEASE SEND ME** information on new shows you have or shows you will have in circulation by Jan 1. I have heard from a couple of dealers, but nothing has been sent yet. All new shows will be credited to the person who lets me know. I need the information by October 1.

CONVENTION 1994: For sale are 1994 FOTR magnets, \$1.00 each; 1994 Convention Books, \$2.00 each. Please add 50 cents P & H for the magnets and 75 cents P & H for the booklet. There are no more 1993 pens left.

CONVENTION 1995: The convention update is enclosed.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: Jot 'em Down Journal; August (Lum and Abner Society).. **Radio Recall**, August; articles on Robert L. Ripley.. **SPERDVAC Radiogram**, August, articles on The News of Hiroshima; Gale Gordon; also mentioned is the correct spelling of Buzz **Corry** and Johnny **Modero**... Sep; appreciated promotion on our convention; details on their convention (see flyer)... **RLI on the Air**, June; articles on Moon River; professional reel recorders... **Tradition**, Jul - Aug (National Traditional Country Music Assn.)... **The News Hangs High** is a new quarterly newsletter from the Abbott and Costello Fan Club, Box 2084, Toluca Lake, CA 91610. This comes to you twice a year and the regular quarterly comes the other 2 times. Cost is \$10 a year... If you like **Popeye**, contact Mike Brooks, head of the official Popeye Fan Club, 1001 State St., Chester, IL 62233 (618) 826-4567. They have news magazines and conventions. cost is \$8 a year... **NARA News**; Summer; articles on Philip Morris Playhouse by Bill Murtough; Aviator Heroes by Jack French; Lum and Abner by Charles Sexton; Country Music Programs and the AFRS by Jack Palmer... **Illustrated Press**, August; articles on Florence Freeman; Radio and WW II... **Daily Sentinel**, Sep - Oct; article on Radio Drama in England... **Sheet Music Magazine**, Sep - Oct is dedicated to Eddie Cantor. There is much information by Brian Gari, Eddie's grandson who will again be at our convention with his mother, Janet Cantor Gari. An original song by Brian is included called "A Hard Time to be Single" from his musical revue of the same name... **Tune In**, Sep; article on 1995 radio drama... **On The Air**, Jul - Aug; articles on growing up with radio during the depression and WW II; 5 decades of the Metropolitan Opera... **Thrilling Days of Yesteryear**, Sep - Oct; articles on Gale Gordon; the 4th NBC Chime... **The Cantor Connection**, Jul - Aug; much about Eddie Cantor

BOOKS: Greenwood Publishing Group has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. About 60 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800... **Rainy Day Books** (Frank Bequaert), Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 has just written two radio broadcasting bibliographies. The first is a detailed listing of books on Broadcasting history, year books, radio business and broadcasting techniques. The second is a detailed listing of books on radio personalities, radio shows, scripts and radio fiction. Cost is \$10 each or both for \$16 postpaid.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS: Just a reminder about the **Antique Wireless Association** radio and communication museum in Bloomfield, NY. Bloomfield is 25 miles southeast of Rochester, NY. For information call 716-657-7489. It open from May through October on Sundays and June - August on Wednesdays and Saturdays. For information about the society contact Bruce Kelley. Main St. Bloomfield, NY 14469... **The Collector's Radio Network** is in full swing. Address is 23400 Michigan Ave. Ste 114, Dearborn, MI 48124 (1-800-739-7900). It is fed live on a digital "DATS" satellite channel each Saturday at 1 pm on Satcom C-5, Transponder 19, Channel 06-1. It consists of The Collector's Corner hosted by Tom Eurich, Jr.; The Radio Vault hosted by Bob Burnham and Let's Talk Cars hosted by Art Cervi... **The Museum of Television and Radio** will be hosting a Let's Pretend Reunion on Tuesday, October 31 from 12:30 - 2 pm. On the panel will be many of our friends including Arthur Anderson, Vivian Block, Don Buka, Gwen Davies, Anne Francis, Jack Grimes, Lamont Johnson, Rita Lloyd, Rosemary Rice, Larry Robinson, Sybil Trent, Dick Van Patten, Miriam Wolfe. Their address is 25 West 52 St., New York, NY 10019 (212) 621-6600. Tickets may be purchased at the museum lobby (\$12; \$10 if a museum member) or by calling Ticketmaster at 212-307-7171 (additional charges). You can mail in your payment to the Museum at the above address (Indicate Seminars on the address). Handling fee is \$2 if by mail. Enclose a SASE.

LOGS: **Jim Stringham**, 220 Denver St., Lansing, MI 48910 just sent me a detailed description of each of the 52 episodes of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. If you are interested send me \$1 to cover postage and copying.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS: A summer flyer was received from **Andy Blatt** (**Vintage Broadcasts**), 42 Bowling Green, Staten Island, NY 10314; 1-800-418-1445. Shows include Quiet Please, Nightwatch, Bold Venture, Phillip Marlowe, Boston Blackie...Received the latest supplement from **Great American Radio** (**Gary Kramer**), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437. It included Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar; Six Shooter; Chandu; Box 13; The Falcon; The Whistler; Have Gun, Will Travel...**Adventures in Cassettes**, 5353 Nathan Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55442 has a new supplement (#81). Among many other shows they have the complete Book 78 (all 25 chapters) of One Man's Family...**John Barber**, Box 70711, New Orleans, LA 70172 has many scripts for sale; also a variety of tapes...**Pat McCoy**, Box 1069, Richland, WA 9935 (509) 627-4039 has available Supplement 14, his first supplement in 12 years. It contains 27 pages of shows including Jack Benny, Sam Spade, Dragnet, YTJD, Nightwatch, Superman, others. Pat will attend the FOTR convention for the first time. Roger Hill is also coming. I have had contact with both of them for 25 years; looking forward to meeting both of them...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport, 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 501-835-0465); this is his first catalog. It contains many new **Amos 'n' Andy** as well as many other complete runs of shows.

NEW ADDRESSES: **Steve Lane**, 6954 Lakeview Dr., Montgomery, AL 36117...**Jim Widner**, 4098 Possum Run Rd., Dayton, OH 45440...**Steven Jeremko**, 13 Derne Dr., Apalachin, NY 13732...**Dick Hayes**, RFD 2, Box 568, Limerick, ME 04048...**Dan Haefele**, 13720 Jefferson Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: **Nikki Lowry**, **Park City Performances**, Box 3119, 328 Main St., Park City, UT 94060...**Chester Littlejohn**, 19708 Cranbrook Dr., Detroit, MI 48221...**Bruce Freeman**, 32 Andrew Rd., Swampscott, MA 01907...**Cary Kaufman**, 5302 NW 64 Way, Coral Springs, FL 33067...**Denis Kliene**, 100 Bean Ave., Bodega Bay, CA 94923...**Philip Foster**, 23 E 81st St., New York, NY 10028 has a nice postcard with a photo of Fred Allen on one side and a note and autograph by him on the other. He is asking \$75...**Geraldine Hawkins**, 18 Gramercy Park South, New York, NY 10003 would like anything having to do with Sgt. Preston of the Yukon. She knows Sharon Sutton, daughter of Paul Sutton...**Bob Beckett**, 3 Blue Bell Dr., Cherry Hill, NJ 08002 (609) 667-0782 is a graphic designer and has designed some Cassette Case Labels from 24 of the most popular radio shows. If you are interested, contact Bob.

OLD FRIENDS: **David Siegel**, 419 Granite Spring Rd., Yorktown Hts, NY 10598 has a good hardcover copy of John Dunning's "Tune in Yesterday" (with a dust jacket) for \$80 including postage...**Roger Hill**, 2161 Whitman Way, San Bruno, CA 94066 expects to open his store around September 20. It is called **Nothing's New: An Emporium of Vintage Movies, Television Shows, Radio Programs**. It will be at 851 Cherry Ave. #23 Bayhill Shop. Ctr; San Bruno, CA 94066 (415) 871-6063. If you know Roger, he never does anything halfway. This should be a great store and he will gladly accept consignments and donations of any memorabilia related to vintage radio, movies, TV and he will also purchase all he can depending on prices. Roger is especially interested in old radios and radio magazines...**Frances Rylance**, 1088A Chiefs Dr., Robins AFB, GA 31098 is looking for a cassette copy of CBS Radio Workshop 1/6/57 of Carl Sand on his 70th birthday...**Karl Stegelman**, 1607 South Sprott St., Auburn, IN 46206 has 2 autographed pictures of Mary Pickford in glass frames. If you are interested, write or call him (219) 925-1936. He will take the best offer.

IN FOND MEMORY: Many thanks to Gil Vatter, Bill Wandel and others who send clippings...**Patsy Ruth Miller**, Jul 16, 91; silent film actress; also wrote radio scripts and plays.. **Miklos Rozza**, July, 88; Academy Award-winning composer of the score to Ben Hur. He scored 100 films. Part of the score of the Killers was used as the theme for Dragnet prompting a successful lawsuit from Universal Studios...**Ray Hedge**, (age and date of death unknown; can you help?); was Mr. Pennyfeather in Myrt and Marge...**Ann Leaf**, Apr 3, played organ on several soaps; had her own radio show from 1929 through 1936...**Francis Shinn**, Nov 11, 1994, 77; radio and TV producer...**Genevieve Tobin**, Jul 31, 93; actress in radio, films and theater. In at least one Lux. She was married to William Keighley...**Lillian Bronson**, Aug 1, 92; TV and movie actress; in at least one Lux...**Phyllis Brooks**, Aug 1, 80; film and stage actress; also in at least one Lux...**Phil Harris**, Aug 11, 92; Bandleader and singer very well known for his own radio show with Alice Faye and for the Jack Benny show...**Howard Koch**, Aug 17, 93; co-wrote Casablanca and Orson Welles' radio show "War of the Worlds."

Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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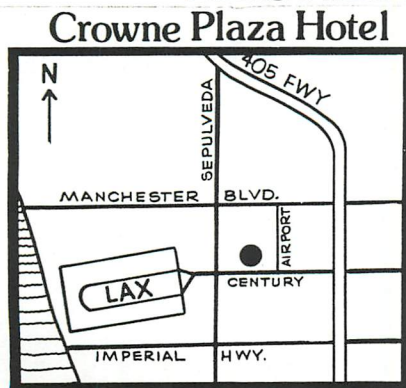
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Convention rates: (Prices are for members, spouses, member's guests)

1. Complete convention package (Friday-Sunday) \$110/\$125 preregistered non-members ... _____

2. Friday dinner & program \$35/\$40 preregistered non-members _____

3. Saturday daytime activities (9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.) \$15/\$20 preregistered non-members. _____

4. Saturday evening banquet & program \$50/\$55 preregistered non-members _____

5. Sunday brunch & program (9 to 11:30 a.m.) \$15/\$20 preregistered non-members _____

(There is no charge for the Friday afternoon activities.) TOTAL: _____

☐ Check here if you were a professional in early radio.

Send checks or money orders, made payable to SPERDVAC, to: SPERDVAC Convention, c/o Chester Allen, 13415 Egbert St., Sylmar, CA 91342. **For additional details or to volunteer convention assistance, call Larry Gassman at (310) 947-9800.**

Your cancelled check will serve as your receipt. Requests for refunds will be honored until Oct. 30, 1995. Convention rates will increase to \$145 for the entire convention package for members and non-members who arrive without prior registration. Walk-up rates for individual convention events will be \$5 above the non-member rates indicated above. Walk-up rates apply to members and non-members.

SPERDVAC's 1995 Old-Time Radio Convention is set for November 3, 4 and 5. The convention site is the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5985 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045.

Registration begins at 4 p.m. Friday. At 4:30 the amateur group "Thirty Minutes to Curtain" will perform the popular **Escape** story "Three Skeleton Key." "Social Time" is 5:30 to 7 p.m., The dinner and evening program begin at 7 p.m. An old-time radio drama will be a featured part of our presentation.

Our Collectors' Room will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. The Saturday workshops and panel discussions run from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. There is no lunch planned as part of the convention package. However, we have allotted the 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. slot for lunch. SPERDVAC's Saturday evening banquet and show begin at 7 p.m. We plan to conclude our Friday and Saturday night presentations by 10:30 p.m. Sunday's brunch and program will run from 9 until 11:30 a.m.

One of the highlights of Saturday's daytime activities will be a production of a **Space Patrol** show. Writer Lou Huston will join us with a new script written for the occasion. Patrollers Ed Kemmer and Norman Jolley will perform in the show and Dick Tufeld and Jack Narz will deliver the commercials. The sound effects will be provided by Ray Erlenborn. Tom Hatten will host the gathering. Also planned for Saturday will be a tribute to Arch Oboler's radio work. Tommy Cook will join us in a discussion of the famed writer's work. Saturday evening we will present a re-creation of **The Alan Young Show**. The cast will include Alan Young, Jean Gillespie and sound effects man Ray Erlenborn.

Arrangement are not yet complete for our Sunday brunch presentation. The meal will be served from 9 to 10 a.m. and the program will run from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Guests who wish to be seated together must submit their registration forms together. During meals and presentations, SPERDVAC will observe the "First Nighter policy" — *smoking in the outer lobby only, please!*

Admission to the complete convention is \$110 for members and their guests who preregister. The non-member pre-registration rate is \$125. The price increases to \$145 at the door. Because of the popularity of our guests and re-creations, we highly recommend advance reservations. We cannot guarantee seating availability for those who do not purchase tickets prior to the convention. For the benefit of those unable to attend the entire convention, we are offering rates for specific events, which are indicated on the registration form. Please note the at-the-door fees are higher. Registration packets will be distributed at the convention. The packets include tickets, which **must** be presented in order to receive meals. Your canceled check will serve as your receipt. Requests for refunds will be honored until Oct. 30, 1995.

Dealers' tables will be available, for \$20 each for SPERDVAC members and \$30 each for non-members, for those who wish to sell radio and nostalgia-related items in our Collectors' Room. (Unauthorized sales of unlicensed radio broadcasts is prohibited.) We encourage individuals with radio/television/film memorabilia for sale to take advantage of this opportunity. To reserve a table, contact Catherine Passarelli at 10615 Butterfield Road, Los Angeles, CA 90064.

The Crowne Plaza Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Hotel) has accommodations available for those who wish to stay overnight. The special SPERDVAC convention rate is \$78.66 per room per night, including 14% bed tax for one or two persons. The nightly rate for three or four persons per room is \$90.06, including 14% bed tax. To take advantage of these rates contact the hotel directly and specify you are attending the SPERDVAC convention. The hotel also offers a special \$4 per day parking rate for tickets validated by SPERDVAC. Campers, motor homes and trailers may park in the valet parking lot behind the hotel. Valet parking is \$7 per day. Shuttle service from Los Angeles International Airport is available free by phoning the Crowne Plaza Hotel from the airport. Their number is (800) 255-7606. The hotel has a gift shop and Budget Rent-a-Car counter in the lobby.

CONVENTION '95: UPDATE # 2

October 19 - 21, 1995

General Information

All information about **Seating, Ads, Air Lines, Registration** are on the first update that came with the flyer. **Also, don't forget to let me know what you are eating for Thursday and please preregister.** If you do not let me know what food you want on Thursday, you will get London Broil. Those coming for the day will save \$5 a day by preregistering. Also, if you are coming for the day only, you will not have to stand in line and fill out a registration card if you preregister. Also, early bird prices are available until October 1. The money must be in by that time to save. We still have time for more collector oriented workshops on Thursday...Remember: **Those people paying for the day must pay an extra \$5 if they want to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres.** The cocktail hour is for **dinner guests only**...If you want me to bring specific logs for sale, please let me know.

Additional Guests

Returnees: Janet Cantor Gari, daughter of Eddie Cantor, and Brian Gari, grandson. They will have a dealers table all 3 days...Charlotte Manson...Bill Murtough

Dealers

There are no more tables in the Waterford Room available. Tables are still available in the Conference Rooms.

Supplement 3 of my **Ultimate History of Network Programming** will be available. Please send me any last minute information by October 1, especially new shows.

Workshops and Re-creations

The complete schedule as of September 6th is enclosed. Re-creation, workshop and panel leaders please take notice. Please make sure that all your participants are aware of the times for rehearsals and performances. If you need anything special, please let me know. If your people need rides, make sure Bill Nadel knows what time they have to be at the convention. David Bakish is presenting Jimmy Durante on radio instead of the musical program originally planned.

Raffle

There will be a raffle on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. If you would like to donate prizes, please let me know. We depend on the money received from the raffle and the sale of books, records, tapes, t-shirts and pins at the FOTR table to help pay for the many guests we have at our convention.

Books

Books and other items on sale at the convention as of now follow. If authors are tentatively coming, they are marked by an asterisk (*): **"Riding the Video Range"** by *Gary Yoggy; **"Lux Radio Theater"** by *Art Pierce and Connie Billips; **"Kate Smith"** by *Richard Hayes; **"Eddie Cantor"** by *Gregory Koseluk; **"Jimmy Durante"** by *David Bakish; **"Roy Rogers"** by Robert Phillips; **"Popeye"** by Fred Grandinetti; **"J. Scott Smart"** by Charles Laughlin; **"And the Show Goes On"** by Sheldon Leonard. We will also have special 20th Anniversary mugs for sale.

Hotel

Some registrants are forgetting to let me know if they need a hotel room. I must know in advance. Pay for the hotel upon arrival.

The schedule as of September 6th follows:

Wednesday: Complementary Wine and Cheese for overnight guests and committee from about 6 – 10 pm. All Dealers Rooms can be set up during the day.

Thursday: The sound equipment and the stage will be set up Wednesday/Thursday.

9 – 10	(Open)
10:30 – 11:30	(Open)
12 – 1	(Open)
1:30 – 2:30	Radio to Screen (Bob Madison)
3 – 4	TV to Radio (Jack French)
4:30 – 5:30	OTR, the Computer and Internet (Bob Burnham and others)
5:30 – 7:45	Cocktails and Dinner; raffle
8 – 9	Tribute to Boris Karloff and Bela Lugosi (son Bela Lugosi, Jr. and daughter Sara Karloff will give the tribute)
9:15 – 10:15	Re-creation "The Whistler." Michael Georgio won first prize with this script in our first script writing contest last year.

Friday Morning and Afternoon

9:00 – 9:45	Jack French presents WOR: Mutual Memories with Ivan Cury, Clive Rice, Mary Jane Mastapeter, Gene Clark, Barney Beck
10 – 10:45	Amos 'n' Andy: Harmless entertainment or harmful stereotyping (Gary Yoggy, Joel Senter, Dave Warren)
11 – 12	Celebrity's Wives ; our lives with those special men (Meridy Erlenborn and others)
12:30 – 1:30	Gotham Radio Players present the Light Out tale of "One Day It Rained Blood."
1:45 – 2:45	Tribute to Phil Harris and Alice Faye (Larry and John Gassman)
3 - 4	Jimmy Durante on the Radio; presented by David Bakish
4:30 – 5:30	Gary Yoggy presents World War II: Radio reports and celebrates our Victory

Friday Evening

5:30 – 7:45	Cocktails and Dinner, raffle
7:45 – 8:30	Re-creation of Arsenic and Old Lace: Bela Lugosi, Jr. and Sara Karloff will have roles.
8:30 – 9:15	Author's Panel (So far David Bakish, Gary Yoggy, Gregory Koseluk with Brian Gari, Art Pierce, Richard Hayes)
9:30 – 10:30	FOTR variety show with an informal look at 20 years of FOTR Conventions including Boogie Woogie Girls and Company E, Karen, Charlotte and many surprise guests

Saturday Morning and Afternoon

9 – 10:30	Panel and one or two readings of Pulp to Radio hosted by Anthony Tollin; Tentative readings by Lon Clark (Nick Carter) and Adele Ronson (Buck Rogers)
11 - 12	Sports Panel (Jeff Muller with Gil Stratton, Jr and Win Elliot)
12:30 – 1:30	Dave Warren Players (Re-creation is Mr. Keen)
1:45 – 2:30	Raymond Edward Johnson
3:15 – 4:15	Announcers Panel with Bill Owen, George Ansbro, Ted Mallie, Fred Foy, Jackson Beck, Ed Herlihy, Ed Jordan, others)
4:30 – 5:30	Re-creation of "Nightbeat"

Saturday Evening

5:30 – 8:00	Cocktails and Dinner, raffle, some awards
8:00 – 8:30	"I Remember Mama" retrospect with Rosemary Rice and Dick van Patten
8:30 – 9:00	Awards
9:00 - 10:00	Re-creation of "My Little Margie" with Gale Storm, Dick van Patten, Gil Stratton, Jr.; Followed by a "Meet the Stars" panel